उपसभापति : वह "कैपेनियन" ही है लेटैस्ट ।It is spouse because Mr. Vayalar Ravi has a spouse. He is using that terminology. Those who do not have a spouse, as I . said yesterday, can use their spice.

Now, we have before us the Customs Amendment Bill. I think, there is really nothing in it. So, we can pass it .....*(Interruptions)...*

THE CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1998

SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, I think the whole house has agreed that there would not be any discussion on these two Bills. ... (*Interruptions)...*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him agree.....*(Interruptions)...* So, we can pass it .....*(Interruptions)...*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): This should not be made a precedent.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We are not making any precedent. But, for your information, before the Minister says that, I sent for the Bill. I asked him to send it to me. It only seeks to change "three months" to "two months", That is it. There is no other thing. If you want to discuss any other point on customs, we will do it in the next session.

THE MINISER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): Madam, I move:

"That the Bill further to amend the Customs Act, 1962 as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

Madam, Deputy Chairperson, as you have already explained, it is a very simple amendment. My colleague, the Minister of Commerce, had made an announcement, in the last session, in both Houses of Parliament, about extending some facilities to the exporting community. The Government is now taking upon itself the responsibility of reducing the period of

paying drawback to "two months" from "three months" and if it goes beyond "two months", we are agreeing to pay them interest, as we were doing earlier, when the period was three months. That is the amendment. If there is any default on that, the same reciprocal arrangement continues. That is the simple amendment that we have brought-reducing the period from "three months" to "two months".

The question was proposed.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now I will put the motion to vote.

The question is:

"That the Bill further to amend the Customs Act, 1962, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): Madam, I have a point to make.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me finish. Why are you interrupting in between?

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: This may be the last point of the session.... *(interruptions)...*

SHRI MD. SALIM: As you have said, and as the hon. Minister has also said, it was a commitment that the Government had made on the floor of the House and now it is converting it into a legislation. The only point I want to make is, today is the last day of the Session and now they are bringing this Bill. This reflects on the working of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and the Government. In the last session, they announced something with good intention; then, you have to convert that into an Act. You have taken the entire inter-session period, the entire period of the Session and, on the last day, at the last moment, you come with a piece of legislation. This should not be done.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Actually, the Leader of the House, Mr. Sikander Bakht, admitted that we should have — 'we' mean, 'he' — planned the business in advance and it should have been brought out early. Well, this has happened. This is a short session. I hope, this would not happen in the Budget Session.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Madam, I move:

"That the Bill further to amend the Customs Act, 1962, as passed by Lok Sabha, be returned.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, I am permitting to move the Income-Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1998, having said that this is not a precedence. It will not happen again.

THE INCOME-TAX (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 1998

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): Madam, I move:

"That the Bill further to amend the Income-tax Act, 1961, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

Madam, these are also very simple amendments, these may please be passed.

The question was proposed.

श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा (बिहार) : मैडम, मैं एक बात कहना चाहता हूं । ये सतसैया के दोहरे है, सतसैया एक कवि थे, "देखने में छोटन लगे, घाव करे गंभीर" । क्या घाव करेंगे, हम नहीं जानते । आप तो कहते हैं बहुत छोटा-छोटा है ।

"सतसैया के दोहरे अरू नाविक के तीर,
देखने में छोटन लगे, घाव करें गंभीर" ।

श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम (उत्तर प्रदेश) : ये इस तरह से है

"सतसैया के दोहरे ज्यों नाविक के तीर,
देखने में छोटन लगे, घाव करें गंभीर" ?

श्री यशवन्त सिन्हा : मैडम, घाव करने की नीयत से कोई अमेंडमेंट नहीं लाया गया है । जैसा मैनें कहा कि ये सारे अमेंडमेंट ऐसे हैं जिनसे कि टैक्सपेयर को लाभ होगा और उनकी मरहम-पट्टी होगी ।

उपसभापति : घाव भरने के लिए है ।

श्री यशवन्त सिन्हा : चूंकि आपने कहा है कि बिना डिस्कशन के पास हो जाएगा, इसलिए मैं इसको मूव करता हूं और सदन से प्रार्थना करता हूं कि इसे बिना डिस्कशन के पास किया जाए ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The question is:

"That the Bill further to amend the Income-tax Act, 1961, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 to 8 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Madam, I move:

"That the Bill be returned".

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we have two statements. I am sure, Members would like one of these statements. It is about enhancing the Area Development Fund of the Members of Parliament. I think, nobody is going to object to it. About the other statement, I do not know.

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Madam, I have one clarification on Mr. Ram Naik's statement. *(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, nothing. First let him read. There is a